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SIR:

I, Eliezer Masliah, M.D., state:

- 1. I have substantial experience and expertise in the molecular mechanisms of synaptic pathology in neurodegenerative diseases, especially Alzheimer's Disease (AD), as well as in the development of new experimental therapies for AD. I have been working on this topics concerning AD for more than 20years. (Please see the attached *Curriculum Vitae and Biographical Sketch*).
- 2. I have conducted research collaboration with the assignees of the above-identified application and I do not have any interest in the outcome of this application. I was not, or am currently not, or will not be compensated monetarily for my time to provide this Declaration.
- 3. I am familiar with the application and current claims that are pending in the above-identified application in that the claims define a method for treating Alzheimer's Disease (AD) in a patient by contacting blood or plasma flow of a patient suffering from AD